Parliamentary Minister to hear what I am saying. I am sure my friend Shrimati Malini Bhattacharya would also be saying on this.

This announcement about the formation of two National Commissions does not spell out as to what had happened to the National Commission on Women Act, 1990, which we all passed here. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan is here now. The National Commission on Women Act gave statutory status to the Commission and Statutory rights. We had been fighting for it for a decade. All the parties were committed to that.

Now that being the situation, will these two Commissions have statutory powers? If so, another Act has to be passed. Why are these two things separated? It is difficult to have really one Commission and having two Commissions means, as there is a saying in Bengali, "two many cooks spoil the broth."

I am representing all the women here. All the women were committed to that Act.....(*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA (Jadavpur) : Not just the women but also men.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: So also the men. All of us were committed to that Act. Please Immediately go forward in forming the Commission according to that Act and see how it works, and also take our cooperation in doing that.

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: I am not reiterating any point made by Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee. I am only saying that we have been pestering the concerned Minister throughout the last Session to make some kind of a commitment on the National Women Commission Act and we have not been able to get any such commitment. It seems that the Minister was most reluctant to implement the Act. Now we find that the skies are absolutely pouring with Commissions: We have not got one Commission but we have got two Commissions...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Why are you repeating it?

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: I feel that these are not Commissions, these are just Committees.

They are not statutory; they are not autonomous. So, let the Government not make a mockery of the term "National Commission on Women'. That is my request. Let the Prime Minister make a statement in this House. We want a discussion on this.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (Birbhum) : Through you I want to draw the attention of the House to a most urgent and important issue concerning Tripura.

In Tripura particularly the tribal heartland of Baramura, Altharamura, Debtamura, Longtarat and Sakhai Tlang, the people there have been suffering from acute food crisis this year. Due to that hundreds of tribal people including children have already died.There is an out break of gastro-entritis. The 'Food for Work' programme has been stopped. The supply of foodstuffs through ration shops is also not there. so people have no use of ration cards. They are selling their ration cards to the moneylenders of the area.

I ask the Central Government to come forward to save these hapless Tribal people. I also urge the Government to send a Parliamentary delegation there to find out the facts for themselves.

[*Translation*]

KUMARI UMA BHARTI (Khajuraho) :

Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of all the of hon. Members that they should hear me peacefully.

MR. SPEAKER : Please be brief and take care that your speech may not create any unrest.

KUMARI UMA BHARTI (Khajuraho) : During the last bye-elections held throughout the country, Shri Shyamlal Hariji Sharma, a Principal of an English School was our candidate for Agartala Assembly bye-election. He was a person having no enemy. He had no malice with any person. He was of sweet temperament. Nobody could imagine of killing him. No sooner our party determined to choose him a candidate for the Bharatiya Janata Party, threatening calls on telephone started coming to him. Our election agents used to continue consulting the S.P. in this regard. After repeated requests the State Government provided him two plain clothes bodyguards. Before two days of his murder committed on the 13th his bodyguards were changed. Two hours before his murder. While speaking in a Press Conference he has even stated that he is likely to be killed in one way or the other. The Party leaders of the State repeatedly requested the Tripura State Government to arrange police patrol for the Bharatiya Janata Party Candidate also as was being provided to other candidates. It is a matter of surprise that a police van with armed forces was made available for those two Independent candidates who were contesting election from the Agartala constituency but the authorised candidate of our party was not provided any such security arrangements. Lastly what happened is known to all. It is the first incident in the political History of India that an authorised candidate of a National Level Party is denied of providing proper security arrangements. He was holding a corner meeting in a small area in Agartala attended by 15 to 20 persons. Suddenly a bomb blasted and people dispressed to and fro. A jeep came and stopped there and some persons got down from the jeep and started firing indiscriminately. Our party candidate Shri Sharma was injured and fell down. As soon as he fell down due to injury, some persons mounted on the stage. The shops were open in the night. Thousands among the crowd were watching this incident. He was cut into pieces....

(*Interruptions*)

Despite the complaint was lodged, no action was taken in this regard. Thereafter, as per the instructions of Shri Joshiji our National Deputy President Shri Vishnu Kant Shastriji and hon, Advaniji rushed there to look into the whole incident.

At that time he also met CPM leader and ex-Chief Minister of Tripura Shri Nirpen Chakravorti and during that meeting he said to hon. Shastriji that he knew the murderers and an ex-Chief Minister also knew the murderer but he was saying that he would not inform the State Government about that. In this respect even the Chief Minister of Tripura has also requested the Central Government because one Minister of that State Shri Shameer Burman has threatened to resign if C.B.I. enquiry is not conducted into this case. Compelled by this threat, the Chief Minister requested the Central Government to send there a powerful team of C.B.I. to enquire into the matter. The murderers and the conspirators should be awarded stringent punishment, regardless of the posts they may be holding

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is very shameful if a candidate of a recognised party of a National Level is killed publicly in the largest democracy of the world, while the Election Commission and State Government were informed about it beforehand. I show a picture how a handsome man of 5-7 years was cut into pieces before the eyes of thousands of people. But wrong informations being given

in this regard. In this regard, I shall lay some newspapers on the table of the House...

MR. SPEAKER : No, no, rules do not permit you to do so.

KUMARI UMA BHARTI : If you do not allow, I shall not lay these papers on the Table. It has been reported in the newspapers that our candidate was murdered due to infighting of the Congress Party. (*Interruptions*)

The Chief Minister of Tripura did not want the elections to be held because the Congress candidate of that constituency could be the claimant of the Chief Ministership. Therefore, he wanted that these elections are not held. Therefore, ...*....hired the murderer to get our candidate killed because our candidate was helpless and two days earlier security was withdrawn deliberately....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : It is too much. Please conclude now. You are prolonging it.

KUMARI UMA BHARTI: They were replaced by other security personnels Mr. Speaker, Sir, the security guards acted as spectators only. They did not open fire on the murderers and when the murderers left the scene of incident they pretended to fire.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my submission to the Central Government is that a powerful team of C.B.I. should be sent there to enquire into the case three women who became orphan due to murder of that candidate are demanding justice from the Central Government, and the people of that colony are demanding justice from this House. In a democratic country he was cut into pieces in full view the large crowd.

MR. SPEAKER : You should use allocated time. You should not misuse it.

KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I request the Central Government that a CBI team should be sent there as soon as possible and for this propose .....*.... and Tripura Government be dismissed.

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT (Agra) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is a serious matter. A statement should be made on it in the House (*Interruptions*)

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Gandhi Nagar) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, all the members in the House will agree to it that it is not a matter of party politics and atleast I expect from the Central Government that it will take it seriously without caring for it as to which party is in power there, we are not making a demand for the appointment of any big commission. We are only asking for an inquiry through C.B.I. If you conduct an inquiry the facts will come to light. The Government of Tripura has also made such a demand. Therefore, there is no problem in it. I demand that a CBI enquiry should be ordered without any delay so that the House, all the parties in the House and all Members are satisfied that the Central Government will not reconcile, and will not compromise if such an inhuman attack is made on democracy.

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur) : The democratic process cannot function in this country , if the candidates are killed like this. This is a matter which has to be looked into not from any partism point of view, but for the purpose of maintaining democracy in this country. Therefore, the Government should take appropriate step.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): I appreciate the feelings expressed by various hon. Members, as a

*Not recorded.

Member of Parliament of that region. (*Interruptions*)

Immediately after the incident, the Tripura Cabinet had taken a decision that there should be a CBI enquiry.

I personally met the Home Minister before he left for foreign country and he assured me that CBI inquiry will be made. After that I met the concerned Minister in charge of CBI. He expressed certain difficulties. I met the Prime Minister and also requested him. All that I wanted to say is that the Government of Tripura, as the hon. Member of Opposition has said, is equally concerned. All that I will request you is to please go through the record of what Uma Bhartiji has said. Unless there is an inquiry, there should not be any aspersions on individuals or anybody. It is a fact that some sections of the Press have said that Congress factional fighting is responsible for this. But when someone says on the floor of the House that so and so is responsible, that should not go on record. This is my appeal to you.

MR. SPEAKER : If there is something personal, I will look into that.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA (South Delhi) : How many people have been asserted in this connection? What action has been taken by Government? Please give this much information....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Khuranaji, whatever information he had sought that has been given.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a very serious matter. There is continuous bloodshed in this country. I am sorry that I was not present here on 20th of this month when the session commenced. On 20th, I was at Sargur and Our hon. Members of Parliament of Sargur must be knowing about this incident. On 11th November six men of scheduled caste were brutally killed at Sargur, (*Interruptions*) Mysore, Karnataka. I personally visited that place on 20th. Six people have been killed there. These killings have been committed in the same way as were committed in Tsundur, hands and feet were tied and heads were cut of and were thrown into the canal. The Prime Minister is not present here. He had called the meeting of Chief Ministers and NIC. I do not want to go into his role in these meetings. It is a serious matter and if the Government does not check it people will loose their faith in the Governments, in administration and in law and order. This incident took place on 11th of this month and I do not want to link anything with this incident as it relates to scheduled castes. A few days ago an incident involving Adivasis took place. I also visited that place. Six Adivasis died of hunger at Balaravi in Karnataka. I also visited that place. There too, the situation is very serious. I think that Government should have made a statement on it. The Minister of Home Affairs or the Minister for state in the Ministry of Home Affairs should have made a statement on this incident. Even the Chief Minister did not visit that place to take stock of the situation. For the first time in the History of India the Prime Minister and the Minister of Home Affairs did not visit after such a big event took place in Tsundur. Inspite of assuring Parliament the special courts have not been constituted. Till now the guilty Government officials have not been arrested. You have allowed discussion for 16 hours to but the result was zero. This incident happened on 11th of this month. The Chief Minister visited the area but did not reach the place where incident took place. in this way the poor would loose their faith in law and order. In this respect I have given notice for adjournment motion. It is not a matter pertaining to any particular party. All parties, including Congress have always supported such issues. So I would like to request you to accept either a adjournment motion or calling attention motion on it. The